Scope of afforestation schemes

2734. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the afforestation schemes cover planting of trees on wasted fallow. or other lands including Khar lands;

(b) if so, what progress was made during the last three years in this regard and which are the agencies involved in those schemes; and

(c) wheher agricultural labourers or poor farmers are encouraged to participate in the afforestation schemes; if so, in what way?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The details are as under:—

Yeas	Area afforested (in lakh ha.)
1984-85	13.18
1985-86	15.15
1986-87	17.62

The afforestation programmes are being implemented through the State Govt. Departments of Social Forestry, Rural Development, Panchayat, and Agriculture Deptt. Voluntary agencies are also implementing the programme under the Central Scheme of Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Agencies.

(c) Agricultural labourers, poor farmers and marginal farmers are identified as priority beneficiaries under Central Schemes for Social Forestry which include Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme, National Rural Employment Programme of the Department of Rural Development, Drought Prone Area Programme, Desert Development Programme of Ministry of Agriculture and Decentralised Nurseries Programme of National Wastelands Development Board.

Companies registered in Kandla Free Trade Zone

2735. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) when were M/s. IPCA Laboratories and M/s. Indus Pvt. Ltd. registered with the Kandla Free Trade Zone Authorities and what are the dates of commencement of their production and or work;

(b) what is the quantum of imports of these companies since their inception in terms of US dollar and in Indian currency; and

(c) what is the quantum of exports of these companies since their inception and their export earnings in terms of US dollars and in Indian currency, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) M|s. IPCA Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., was registered with the Kandla Free Trade Zone Authorities on 14th June, 1986. and is reported to have commenced production on 7th January, 1987. There is no firm in the Kandla Free Trade Zone known as M|s. Indus Pvt. Ltd. There is, however, a partnership firm known as Indus which was registered with the Zone Authorities on 6th August, 1985 and which is reported to have commenced production on 20th September, 1985.